

The Wolfe Institute

*The Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities,
in cooperation with the School of Education and the English Department,
presents*

Almost a Family

A reading and discussion with John Darnton



John Darnton worked for forty years as a reporter, editor, and foreign correspondent for *The New York Times*. As the deputy foreign editor working on foreign assignments in Nigeria and Kenya, he covered the civil war in Rhodesia, the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa and the fall of Idi Amin in Uganda. In Poland, he covered the birth of the Solidarity Movement and the imposition of martial law. Darnton received two George Polk Awards for his coverage of Africa and Eastern Europe. He won the Pulitzer Prize for his stories that were smuggled out of Poland which he details in his book, *Almost a Family*.

Almost a Family is Darnton's memoir about his father who was killed in the Second World War, shortly after his birth. Raised by their mother, Darnton and his brother were led to believe myths about the father they never knew. His family life became increasingly difficult with an alcoholic mother and moving into smaller and more squalid living conditions. In his memoir, Darnton sets out to investigate and piece together the man his father really was, and how he came to terms with the truth of his own past.

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2:15 to 3:30 p.m.

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